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Office Action Summary		10/648,663	GAZDA ET AL.			
		Examiner	Art Unit			
		Todd Ingberg	2193			
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Status						
1)	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 De	ecember 2006.				
<u> </u>	This action is FINAL . 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.					
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims						
4) 🖂	Claim(s) <u>5-9</u> is/are pending in the application.	·				
4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>1-4</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5)	Claim(s) is/are allowed.		,			
6)⊠	6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>5-9</u> is/are rejected.					
7)	7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
8)	Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	r election requirement.				
Applicati	on Papers	•				
9) 🔲 .	The specification is objected to by the Examiner	r.				
10) The drawing(s) filed on $8/26/2003$ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.						
	Applicant may not request that any objection to the o	drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See	37 CFR 1.85(a).			
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).						
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
Priority u	nder 35 U.S.C. § 119					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:						
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).						
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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Attachment(s)						
_	e of References Cited (PTO-892) e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	4) Interview Summary (Paper No(s)/Mail Date				
3) Infom	nation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) No(s)/Mail Date	5) Notice of Informal Pa				

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 5 - 9 have been examined.

Claims 1-4 have been canceled.

Claims 5, 6 and 8 have been amended.

Requirement For Information

1. The response to the Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §105 has been reviewed. The Requirement For Information which is binding on Applicant(s), Assignee and Applicant's representative states the parties "... the item cannot be readily obtained and provided." the item being documentation on Telelogic Tau C-micro disclosing the feature on "light integration". In view of the parties statement the Requirement is complete/

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 5 – 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The current focus of the Patent Office in regard to statutory inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for method claims and claims that recite a judicial exception (software) is that the claimed invention recite a practical application. Practical application can be provided by a physical transformation or a useful, concrete and tangible result. No physical transformation is recited and additionally, the final result of the claim is for porting software which is not a tangible result because the mechanism is not claimed to be on a computer readable medium. The following link on the World Wide Web is for the United States Patent And Trademark Office (USPTO) policy on 35 U.S.C. §101.

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Claim 5 has receiving variables into the multiple threaded operating environment and the implementation is by reference. The claim fails to perform an action that stores the result on a computer readable medium. It appears to the Examiner that the "reference" is claimed to be stored in the operating system environment will overcome this rejection.

Specification

3. The amendment to the Specification has been entered.

Examiner's Comment

4. On technical merit the closet prior art of record is USPN # 6,952,825 (Cockx) and USPN6,493,740 (Lomax).

USPN # 6,952,825 (Cockx)

Requires stopping the process which the claimed invention does not.

USPN6,493,740 (Lomax).

Handles "unshared data" the claimed invention handles shared data.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Correspondence Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Todd Ingberg whose telephone number is (571) 272-3723. The examiner can normally be reached on during the work week..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Todd Ingberg / Primary Examiner

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